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ON RESULTS OF MALTA II

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1. I MADE REFTEL DEMARCHE TO FOREIGN MINISTER CHISSANO MORNING
APRIL 19. IN ARRANGING MY APPOINTMENT, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD
MISTAKINGLY ASSUMED THAT THIS WAS TO BE ANOTHER JOINT UK/US
DEMARCHE, AND HAD SUMMONED UK AMBASSADOR LEWEN TO MEET WITH
CHISSANO AT THE SAME TIME. THUS, LEWEN WAS PRESENT DURING MY
PRESENTATION AND PARTICIPATED IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION, BUT

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WE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THIS WAS NOT A JOINT DEMARCHE. FOREIGN MINISTRY
SEC-GEN MANUEL DOS SANTOS (WHO HAD BEEN OBSERVER AT MALTA II) AND
FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTORS ALBERTO SITHOLE AND SHARFUDINE KHAN WERE
ALSO PRESENT.

2. CHISSANO SAID HE SHARED U.S. DISAPPOINTMENT THAT NOT MORE SUB-
STANTIAL PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN DAR, ALTHOUGH HE NOTED THAT

HAD THE UK/US AND PF PREPARED A SUMMARY OF WHAT HAD BEEN AGREED AND NOT AGREED, AS PF HAD REQUESTED, WE MIGHT HAVE FOUND THERE WERE CONSIDERABLE AREAS OF AGREEMENT. IN CONVERSATION THAT ENSUED, CHISSANO MADE CLEAR THAT HE THINKS FAILURE MAKE MORE PROGRESS WAS AS MUCH FAULT OF UK AND U.S. AS THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. HE SAID HE KNOWS MUGABE AND NKOMO CAME PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE IN GOOD FAITH, BUT THOUGHT UK/US MAY HAVE COME MERELY TO OBTAIN PF ENDORSEMENT OF ESSENTIALS OF AAP, RATHER THAN TO NEGOTIATE SERIOUSLY WITH INTENTION OF REACHING AGREEMENT. HE SAID THAT WHEN EARLY IN TALKS WE HAD BEEN RELUCTANT TO COMMIT OURSELVES TO WHAT MIGHT BE AGREED UPON IN DAR, THEN THE PF IN TURN BECAME RETICENT ABOUT MAKING CONCESSIONS. HE SAID THAT THE PF DID NOT WISH TO GIVE AWAY EVERYTHING IN DAR IF AT THE ALL PARTIES CONFERENCE THESE SAME MATTERS WERE AGAIN TO BE SUBJECT OF NEGOTIATION.

3. COMMENTING ON THE PUBLIC STATEMENTS OF THE PF, CHISSANO SAID WE SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN SURPRISED, NOTHING WITH SOME ACERBITY THAT THE PF HAD AUDIENCES OTHER THAN THE US AND UK PUBLICS TO THINK ABOUT.

4. BEFORE CONCLUDING, I ASKED CHISSANO IF HE OR HIS GOVERNMENT HAD SUGGESTIONS HOW WE MIGHT BEST CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO REACH A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. HE SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW FIRST WHAT SECRETARIES VANCE AND OWEN HAD LEARNED IN SALISBURY. HE HOPED LEWEN AND I WOULD HAVE A REPORT FOR HIM.

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TM COMMENT. WHILE CHISSANO DID ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE PF COULD BE MORE UNDERSTANDING OF SOME OF DIFFICULTIES UK/US FACE IN NEGOTIATING A SETTLEMENT, HE WAS NOT ABOUT TO CONCEDE THAT PF WAS SOLELY OR EVEN MAINLY AT FAULT FOR THE FAILURE MAKE MORE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN DAR. HE SEEMS TO HAVE CONCLUDED THAT MORE COULD AND WOULD HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED HAD ONLY THE UK AND US COME PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE INTENTION OF REACHING AGREEMENT.
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